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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

AMPLIFICATION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON  
THE ASSESSOR'S RIGHT OF TRESPASS  
ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

On December 8, 1978 Attorney General Opinion No. CV 78/67 regarding the assessor's right of trespass on private property was distributed to county assessors (assessors' letter 78/213). Since that time a particular issue not addressed specifically by the opinion has received further clarification. The issue was whether the assessor or his employees would be guilty of criminal trespass if they entered private, posted property without first receiving permission from the landowner or the person who had the right of occupancy. In the opinion of the Attorney General, "so long as the assessor or his agent leaves the posted property upon request he will not be guilty of criminal trespass."

Sincerely,

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